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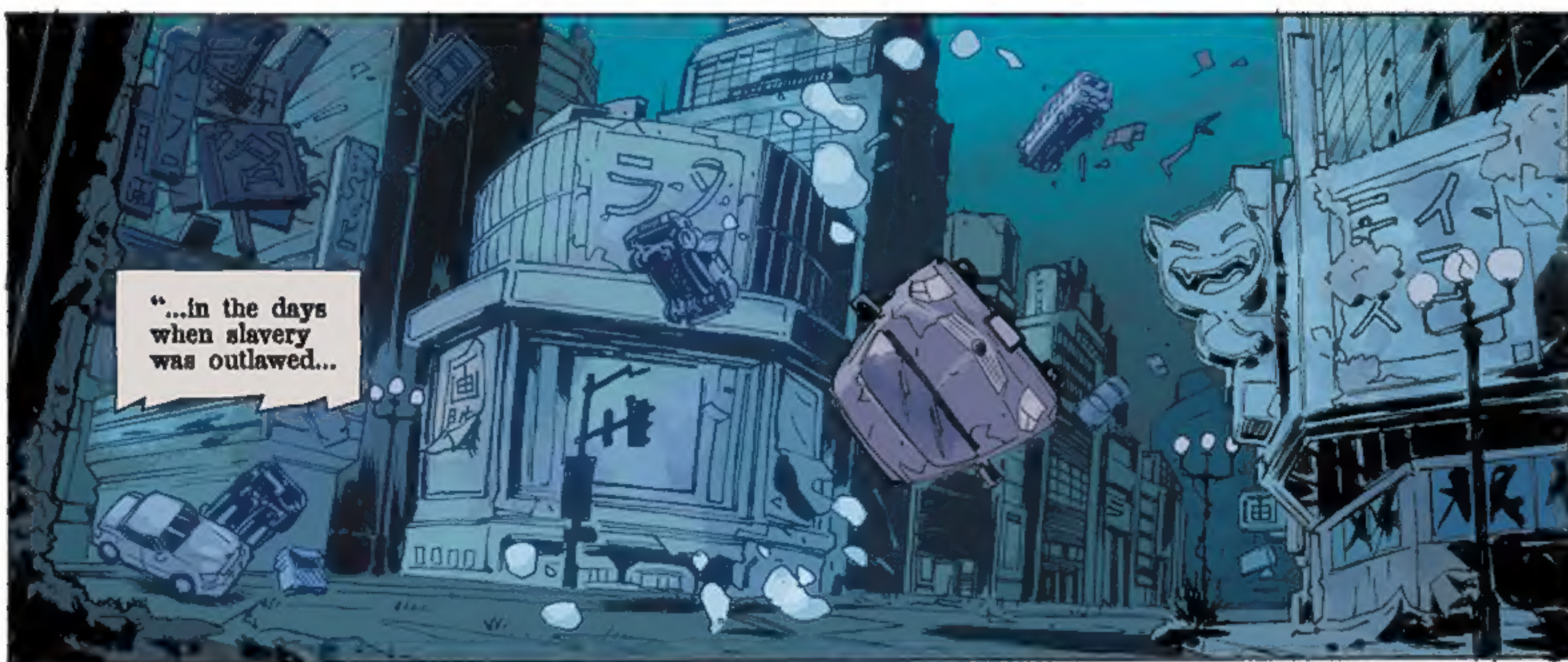
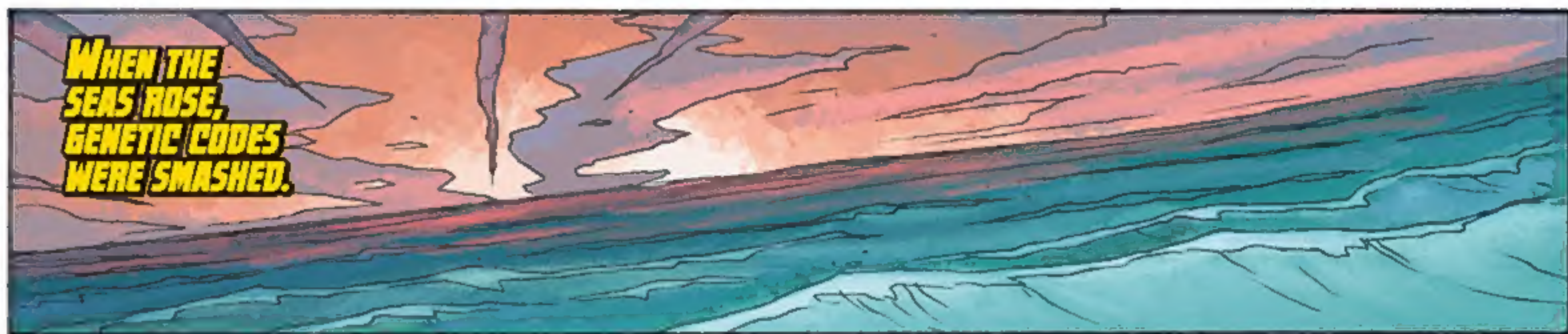
When the seas rose, genetic codes were smashed. Human settlements are ringed by the wild, from which ferocious new animal species prey on the helpless. The high ground belongs to the rich and powerful, who over-look swampland shantytowns from their fortresslike cities. Iron-fisted rule ensures order and allows the wealthy to harvest the poor as slaves. Welcome to the world of *Orchid*.

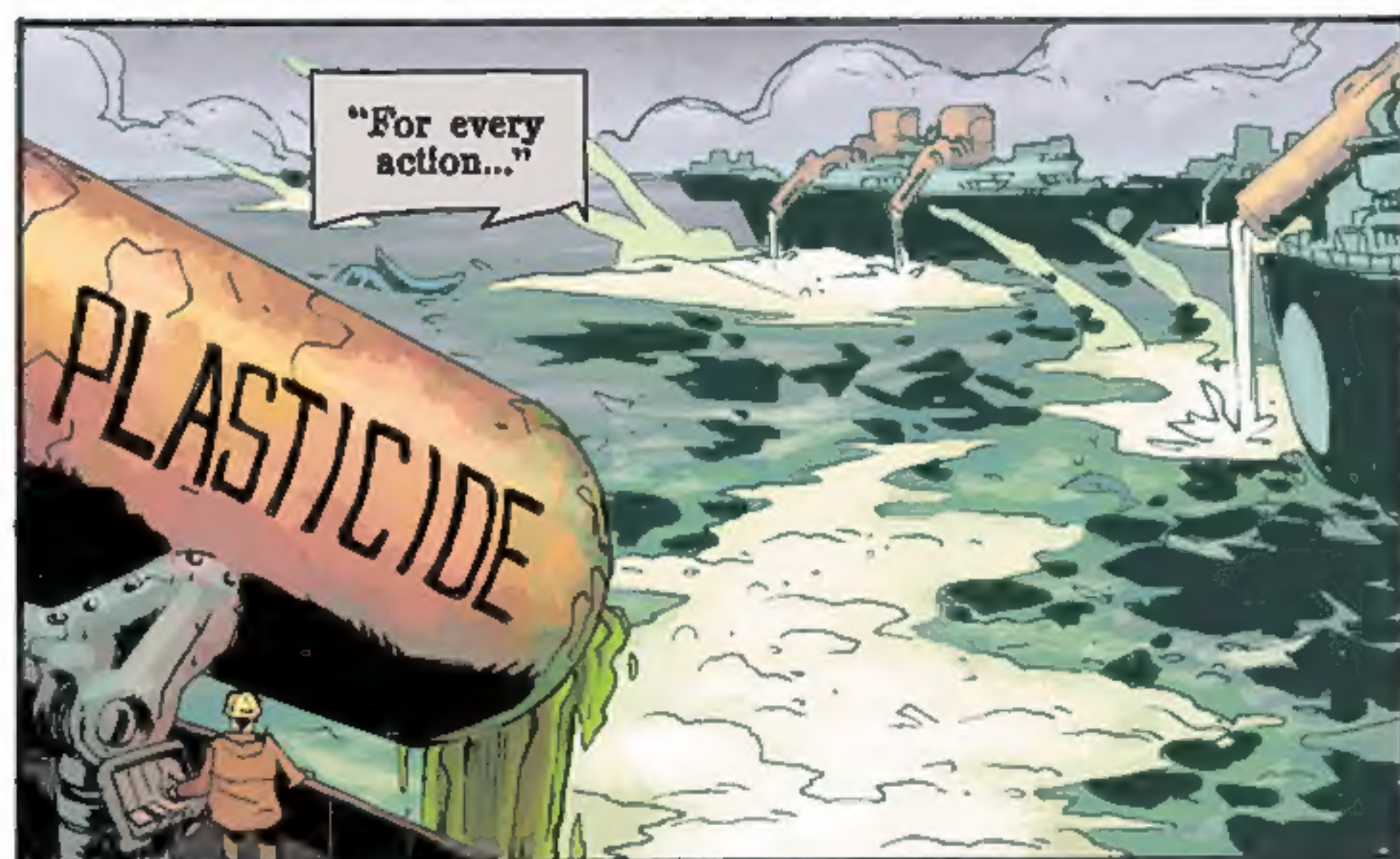
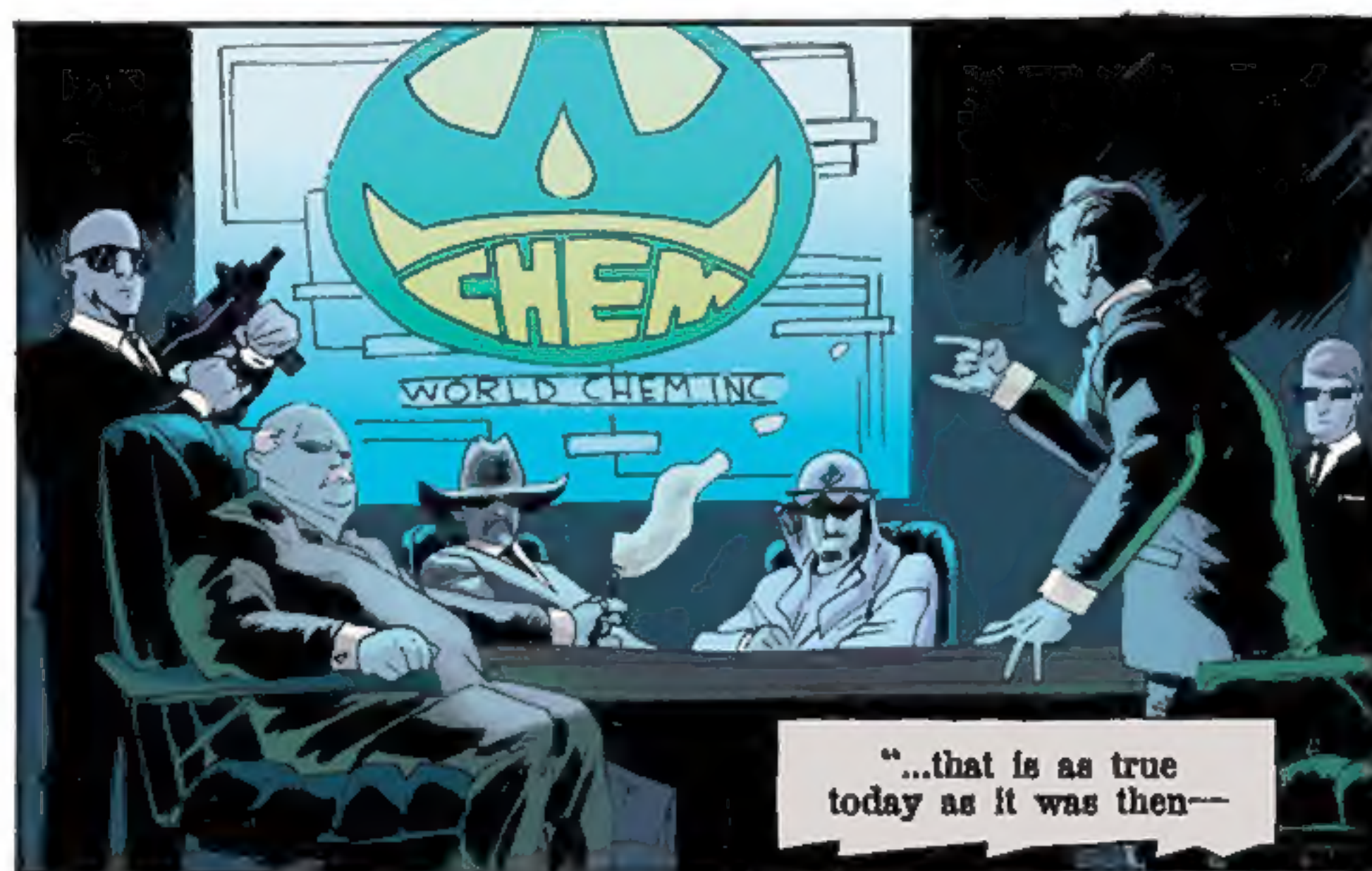
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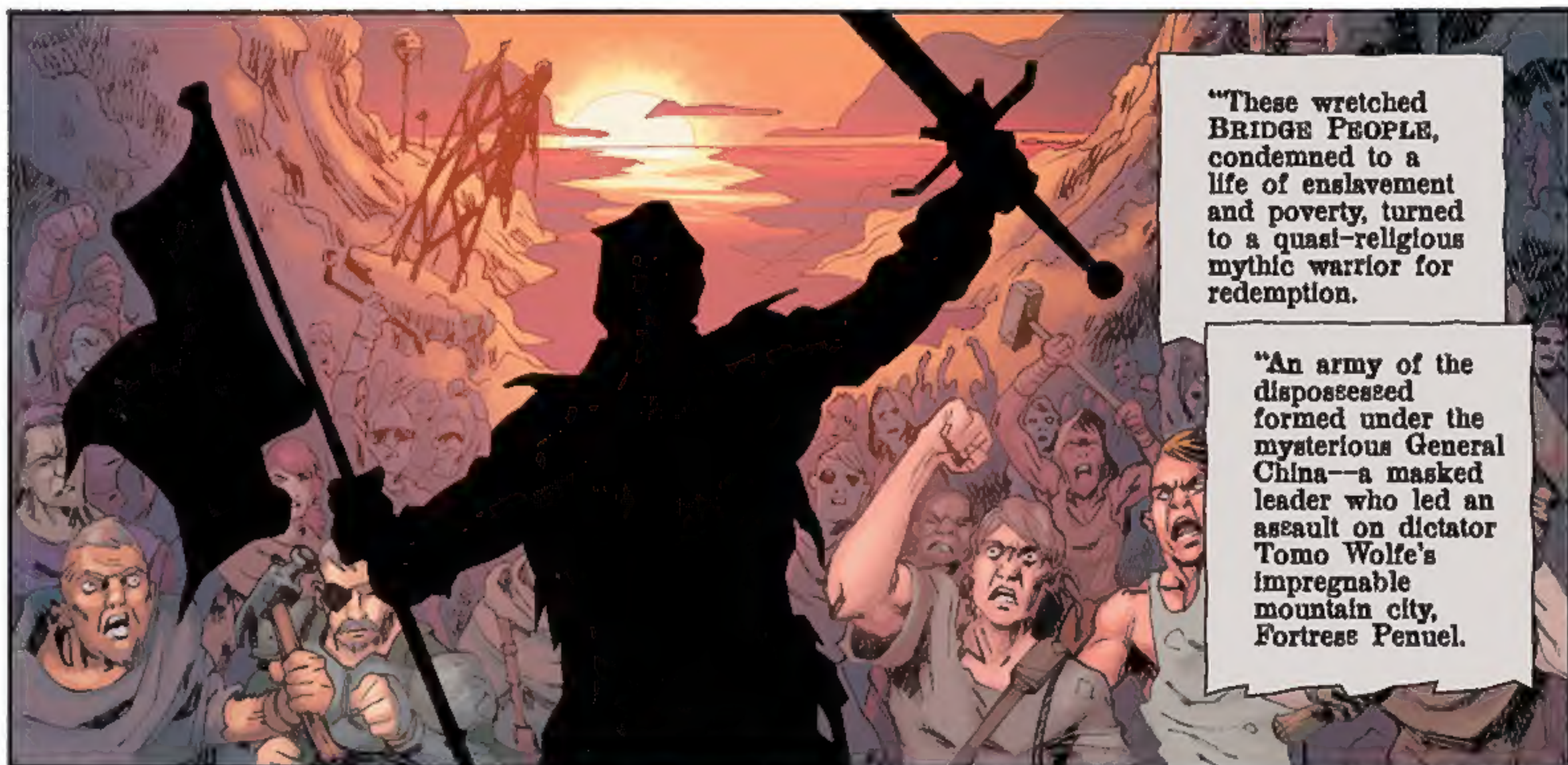


"The human settlements that remain are ringed by THE WILD, a dense, uncharted wilderness from which ferocious new animal species emerge to prey on the helpless.

"The high ground belongs to the rich and powerful. Fortreslike cities overlook vast expanses of desolate swampland, in which the scattered masses of castoff poor huddle in wet shantytowns under crumbling bridges.



"Iron-fisted rule ensures order with pitiless cruelty and allows the wealthy to harvest the poor as slaves.



"These wretched
BRIDGE PEOPLE,
condemned to a
life of enslavement
and poverty, turned
to a quasi-religious
mythic warrior for
redemption.

"An army of the
dispossessed
formed under the
mysterious General
China—a masked
leader who led an
assault on dictator
Tomo Wolfe's
impregnable
mountain city,
Fortress Pennel.



"But the
rebellion
failed.

"General China
died in battle,
the infamous mask
taken as a prize
by Tomo Wolfe."



PRESENT DAY.

"The dead were
burned and
the survivors
trapped between
the slave traders
of Tomo Wolfe
and the Wild.

"Most **HAD**
given up
hope...

"...yet some refused to surrender.

"A young fighter named Anzio led a suicide raid on an armed caravan en route to Fortress Penueel. Against all odds he and his SHADOW REBELS 'liberated' the mask taken from the defeated General China.

"The mask was a symbol of hope, of resistance...and they were willing to die for it.

"The mask was also rumored to grant tremendous but perilous power to the one who wore it."

RUN!!

KEEP UP, SIMON!

OH, I'M JUST ENJOYING *3GASP3* THE SUNSET. OCHRE HUE, WOULDN'T YOU *3GULP3* SAY? AND DID YOU CATCH THAT *3WHEEZE3* WHIFF OF AZALEAS ON THE BREEZE? LOVELY *3GASP3* EVENING. MUST WE RUSH?

JUST SHUT UP...AND RUN!



DIE,
GREENFOOT
SCUM!

SHUNK



THIS IS
IT! WE
FIGHT!

WITH
WHAT?!

I'D LIKE
TO THANK
YOU ALL
FOR THE
GOOD
TIMES...



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